

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 00121 150230Z

66

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 103135

O 150209Z JAN 76

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5358

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0121

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, EG, XF

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN QUERY OF WHAT US COULD ACCEPT IN A
RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

REF: USUN 104

1. EGYPTIAN MISSION TODAY ASKED US FLATLY WHAT ELEMENTS THE US
COULD ACCEPT IN A BRIEF RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BE DESIGNED TO
FOLLOW VETO OF A SYRIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION. AMB SHERER
AND MISOFF MET WITH EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PERMREP AHMED TO DISCUSS
THE MATTER.

2. AMB AHMED SAID THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WAS SEEKING A WAY TO
LEAD THE PLO TOWARD THE GENEVA NEGOTIATING PROCESS. IF THE
CURRENT DEBATE PRODUCED NOTHING BUT A VETO, EGYPT BELIEVED
THE PLO WOULD RETURN TO VIOLENCE AND MODERATES THROUGHOUT THE
ARAB WORLD WOULD BE ISOLATED. HE ASKED WHAT U.S. OUTER LIMITS
WERE ON A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE
PALESTINIANS IF A VETO WERE TO BE AVOIDED.

3. SHERER SAID THAT WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED EGYPT'S CON-
SULTING US ON SO IMPORTANT A MATTER. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, HOWEVER,
TO RESPOND HYPOTHETICALLY TO AHMED'S QUESTIONS; ONE SIMPLY HAD
TO LOOK AT A TEXT SINCE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF BALANCE
WERE INVOLVED. IN PRINCIPLE, SHERER CONTINUED, IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE US, IN THIS EMOTION-CHARGED DEBATE,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 00121 150230Z

COULD GO BEYOND FORMULATIONS IT HAD USED IN THE PAST.

TO DO SO RISKED REJECTION BY ISRAEL OF THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK, DAMAGING U.S. AND EGYPTIAN INTERESTS AND JEOPARDIZING THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE. WHAT THE US WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT WAS A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING 242 AND 338 AND CALLING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE OR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT WHICH ALL MATTERS, PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE, COULD BE DISCUSSED.

4. AHMED ASKED IF SHERER MEANT BY HIS REFERENCE TO PAST FORMULATIONS THAT THE US WOULD HAVE TO VETO A REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN "RIGHTS" AS DISTINCT FROM LEGITIMATE INTERESTS. SHERER SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT POINT, BUT ASSUMED FROM HIS GUIDANCE THAT THE US WOULD INDEED HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION CONTAINING SUCH LANGUAGE.

5. AHMED ARGUED THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD NATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE LEAST THE COUNCIL COULD DO WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. HE SAID THE PHRASE "LEGITIMATE INTERESTS" HAD BECOME ANATHEMA TO THE PLO, AND EGYPT WOULD NOT THINK OF PRESENTING A RESOLUTION DESCRIBING PALESTINIAN POLITICAL STATUS IN THAT WAY.

6. FINALLY, AHMED ASKED SHERER TO PUT TO WASHINGTON A RESOLUTION CONTAINING TWO PARAGRAPHS ONLY. THE FIRST WOULD "RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE RIGHT OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES." THE SECOND WOULD CALL FOR RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH NO MENTION OF PALESTINIAN OR PLO PARTICIPATION. WHAT SHALL WE TELL HIM?

7. INCIDENTALLY, AHMED REFERRED TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FAHMY AND AMBASSADOR EILTS CONCERNING THE DEBATE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CAIRO'S REPORTS OF THESE BEING TRANSMITTED TO USUN.
MOYNIHAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENT DRAFT, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, UNSC RESOLUTIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN00121
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760014-0723
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760152/aaaabubc.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 MAY 2004 by SmithRJ>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EGYPTIAN QUERY OF WHAT US COULD ACCEPT IN A RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE
TAGS: PFOR, EG, XF, US, UNSC, PLO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006